

The Pennsylvania Gazette.

Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestick.

From Tuesday, February 9. to Tuesday, February 16. 1730-31.

Gloucester, Octob. 31.

WE have been very much alarmed in this City for this Week past, having had the same threatening Letters, and also in the same Manner express'd as those sent to Mr. Packer of Bristol, particularly the following to Mr. Peter Haynes, an eminent Grocer here.

Mr. Peter Haynes, Senior.

IF you are not willing to lie under the same Lash as Packer of Bristol have done, and do now, for we will have his Life before he is one Year older; [See our Gazette, No 110. in which there is a particular Account of the Burning of Mr. Packer's House, &c.] I desire, if you have any Love for any of your Family, and Regard to your Stock and Household-Goods and House, that you will send us Ten Pounds ten Shillings; putt it for us between the third and fourth Cask of yours from your back Door towards the Kingshead, and rap it up in a Sheet of brown Paper and seal it up; and we demand that you will comply to our so reasonable Demands from you, upon pain of the Deaths of all your Lives in general, and to the Danger of firing your Warehouse and Dwelling House, which we will do if you do not put the Money there by Monday Night, being the 26th of this Instant October 1730. and nort only if you nort putt the Mohey there, and if you let the Least Soul in the World know thatt we havee sent to you, ----- we will both kill your Family, and burn your House down to the Ground. So therefore you had better putt itt there, and do nort putt any body to watch itt, for if you do, you cannott take us, no not for 6000 l. Reward; and if we find any body do watch it, ----- we will do as abovementioned, tho perhaps nort presently, butt att a time you think nothing of itt; and if you putt itt there, and we receive itt safe, you shall never here no more from us, and shall live in peace and safety for us; and if you do nort, you knows your dooms, and ----- it shall be executed.

We charge you upon pain of the above-mentioned, to lett no body see this Letter, but burn him assoon as you have read it.

Extract of a Letter from Exon, dated Octob. 3.

Last Night at the Mayor and Aldermen were celebrating the King's Birth-Day, and drinking his Majesty's Health at the Guildhall, a Servant of Mr. Newcomb, one of the Aldermen, brought him a Paper which he found on the Stall, containing the following Words:

Mr. Newcomb,

PLease to put two Guineas under one of the Casks on the Stall, else prepare for the worst. Remember Mr. Packer of Bristol.

One Mr. White, a Merchant of this City, the same Day received also a Letter, requiring him to put six Guineas under a particular Stone near St. Mary's Church, and the Villian subscribed his Name Legion.

The Chamber hereupon met this Morning at the Guildhall, in order to consider of Means for detecting these Villainies, and bringing the Authors to Justice.

Norwich, Nov. 13. We hear from Newark, that the vile Practice of extorting Money from Gentlemen by sending threatening Letters, has extended to other Countries as well as those in the West; the following Lines being sent to Mr. Spragging a Raft Merchant of the said Town, viz.

*Spragging, remember thou art but Dust,
And to thy Neighbour very unjust:
Thou neither sticks at great nor small,
Till Vengeance once does on thee fall.
I think how soon thou wilt be undone;
In Flames of Fire thy Rafts shall burn,
And neither Escape thy House nor thee.*

*Mark well these Words, for I have said
What I intend, when thou are in Bed.*

A Person, by Trade a Barber, but of late has followed the Business of a Chandler, is now in Custody on Suspicion of sending the said Lines, his Hand-writing answering exactly that of the Original, and that he had before threatened the said Gentleman.

Chepstow, Nov. 13. Amidst the common Depravity of the Times, this Town has not been free from Threats of Fire and Destruction. Two Letters have been sent to Mr. John Jones, an eminent Mercer; and one to Mr. Edmund Bedford a Maltster; but neither of them as yet, have complied with their reasonable Demands, as they call 'em. It is suspected that some of our Town are concerned in these new-invented black Practices.

LONDON, Nov. 19.

Extract of a private Letter from Exon, Nov. 14.

IAm sorry to acquaint you, that the vile Incendiarics have not yet left us; for on Wednesday Evening the Office of Mr. Nichol a Webber, belonging to the Bishop's Court in the Cathedral Church-yard, was broke open by them, (they having first forced six several Locks) and robbed of 17 l. in Money; and the Villains left a Letter, threatening to burn his House, and murder him and all his Family, if he did not leave 25 l. in a dark Entry near it; People have been since in strict Search of these Miscreants, but as yet in vain.

Last Monday Morning there was found under Mrs. Jacksons Door in Exeter, a Letter, signed Legion, requiring her to put 5 Guineas in a Post by the Friar's Gate, adjoining to her House, or in Case of Non-compliance, she might expect Mr. Packer's Fate.

Yesterday Mr. Clements a Baker in Milford Lane in the Strand, received an anonymous Letter, demanding 15 Guineas to be left at a certain Place therein mentioned: The following is a Copy of the said Letter.

Wednesday, London, Nov. 18, 1730.

Mr. Clements,

THIS is to warn you to put 15 Guineas this Night between 9 and 10 o' Clock, under the Post at your Bake-house Door, and if you do not, expect that your Wife and you shall not live an Hour after, and your House shall be consumed by Fire. Likewise inform your Brother Mr. Smith, that he is warned also to put seven Guineas, his Watch and a Ring that he wears, at the same Time, under the Spout that carries the Water from off your House, or between the Window and the said Spout; and upon his not doing so, he and his Wife likewise must expect to suffer immediate Death, with you and yours.

The same Afternoon the above-mentioned Mr. Smith received a Letter directed to him, at his House in Hanover-street, to the following Purport:

THAT they understood his Brother and he were resolved upon not complying with their former Demands, and that they intended to set a Watch at Night, but that it would be more adviseable for them to leave the Money, Watch and Ring, as required; for that if all the Parish were to Watch, they and their Wives should certainly be murdered, and their Houses consumed by Fire.

On Tuesday in the Afternoon the following Letter was delivered to Mr. Hall's Servant in Houndsditch, viz.

To Mr. Robert hall an apholstrer at the Angel in Hondich, thees.

SIR,

I Desire as you you'd send me the sum of five Pounds, for to be lade under the Lamp post the corner of algate Church Wall in hondich, This Night with out fale, upon the penalty of Death to you or your Wife If Ever you

you are seen any more at the cure of seven or Eight of
Clock this present Instant Nouember the 17. 1730
Tharefor Dont sale me, for if you do, I will certainly
be the Death of you and youre Wife. Robert hall.

N. B. The Original may be seen at Mr. Hall's aforesaid.
Yesterday Morning his Royal Highness the Prince of
Wales attended by several of the Officers of his Household,
went to Kew-Green, to play at Nine Pins, his Royal
Highness having been recommended to that Diversion, as
being a healthful bodily Exercise.

Last Monday a Letter was sent by the General Post to
Mr. Rashleigh, a Tradesman at Chipping Whicomb in
Buckinghamshire, demanding 15 Guineas to be put into a
Bag covered with Straw near his own back Door, and in
case of his not complying, threatening to set Fire to his
House.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant his Royal Licence
of Leave to the Right Hon. Humphry Parsons, Esq; Lord
Mayor of this City, that he may reside out of the City
during his Pleasure, for the Time of his Mayoralty.

As the English Nation is most noted for curious Artists
in Iron Works, several Smiths of this City and its Liber-
ties are employed, by Order of the King of Portugal, in
making Iron Rails, Gates and other Ornaments for a Pa-
lace and Monastery erecting by his Portuguese Majesty at
or near Lisbon.

Octob. 24. Yesterday at one in the Morning died at her
House in Grosvenor-street, that celebrated Actress, Mrs.
Oldfield; and we hear she has left the Gros of her Estate
to her Son Mr. Manwaring.

B O S T O N, Jan. 18.

The Answer of the House of Representatives to his Excellency's
Speech, [an Abstract of which was inserted in our No. 115.]

May it please your Excellency,

THE House of Representatives having maturely con-
sidered your Speech of the 29th Instant, think them-
selves bound in Faithfulness to his Majesty's Subjects of this
Province, to say, that they cannot come into the settling a
Salary according to his Majesty's Instruction and your Ex-
cellency's Speech. We are fully persuaded that this House
have gone as far as they can with safety to their People, in
the Bill for your Excellency's Support, in which we have
the Concurrence of the Honourable Board, to which you
have refused your Consent. Our universal and strict Loyalty
to his Majesty, and high Respect and great Confidence in
your Excellency, have kept us free from all Prejudices or
Prepossessions, and make us heartily willing to do every thing
consistent with the Safety, Rights and Privileges of his Ma-
jesty's free-born Subjects here, in making Provision for your
Support. This, notwithstanding, after the most deliberate
and calm Consideration, we dare not come into a Settlement
according to your Excellency's frequent and urgent Pro-
posals. It is Matter of great Concern to us, that your Ex-
cellency should make the least Suggestion, that we are
wanting in Loyalty or Duty to our most gracious King;
there certainly cannot be any Grounds for it, from what we
have been necessitated to do in Faithfulness to his Majesty's
good People here, whose real Good, conformable to his
Majesty's glorious Example, we hope your Excellency will
ever seek and desire.

The Assembly that gave the above Answer is dissolv'd,
and a new One chosen, to meet Febr. 10.

New-York, Febr. 2. We hear that the Island of Jamaica
have petitioned the Crown against Sugar or Melasses being
carried from St. Thomas, Surinam, or other foreign Ports, to
North America, before it be first carried and entered in
Great Britain; and that the New-England Agent has put
in a Memorial against the said Petition.

Custom-House, New York, Jan. 26. to Febr. 2.

Entred inwards, Biglow from New-Providence, French
from Jamaica. Entred out, Clark for Philadelphia, Talbot
for Jamaica, Bedford for South Carolina. Cleared out,
Fred to Jamaica, Sharples to Nevis, Smith to Bristol,
Floyd to Jamaica, Bedford to South-Carolina.

PHILADELPHIA, Febr. 16.

Saturday last, John Hugg, Esq; a Justice of the Peace,
and one of the King's Council in the Jerseys, riding from

Home in the Morning, was, as is supposed, taken ill a-
bout a Mile from his House; and getting off his Horse, he
spread his Cloak on the Ground, to lie down on; and ha-
ving tuck'd his Gloves under the Saddle Girth, and hung
his Whip thro' one of the Ring's, he turned the Horse
loose; which went Home; and put the People on search-
ing for his Master. They soon found him in the Circum-
stances abovementioned and speechless; they carry'd him
home, and he died that Evening.

Custom-House, Philadelphia, Entred inwards.

Brigt. Pennsylvania Hope, And. Norwood, from S. Carolina.
Scoon. Judith and Rebecca, John Clark, from New-York,
Entred outwards.

Brigt. Pennsylvania Hope, Andr. Norwood, for Barbadoes.
Cleared out.

Brigt. Thistle, Thomas Glentworth, to Antigua.

Buried in the several Burying-Grounds of this City in a Week past

Church - - - - - 4.	} Strangers	Baptists - - - - - 10.
Quakers - - - - - 5.		Whites - - - - - 1.
Presbyterians - - - 4.		Blacks - - - - - 3.

Advertisements.

The SOCIETY of ANCIENT BRITONS
IN Philadelphia, established in Honour of
Her Majesty Queen CAROLINE's Birth-Day, and
the Principality of WALES, will meet on Monday the
First of March ensuing, being St. DAVID's Day, at
Owen Owen's, the Indian King in Market Street: and from
thence proceed to Church, to hear Divine Service and a
Sermon, &c. Tickets for the Feast will be ready by the
Beginning of next Week to be delivered out at the Place
aforesaid. Price 5 s.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of
John Roberts, deceased, are hereby required to make
speedy Payments to prevent Charges: And all the Credi-
tors of the said Estate are desired to send in their Accounts
to the Executors
John White,
Philadelphia, Feb. 16, 1730.
John Cadwalader.

RUN from Nathan Dix and James Por-
tell of Otterara in the Township of Nottingham, Chester
County, Two Servant Men aged about 20 Years, named
Cornelius Kelly and Edward Greagin, both native Irish; the
one being a pretty tall slim Fellow, with strait black Hair;
a linsley Jacket and a linen one under it, leather Breeches,
a large-brim'd felt Hat, Stockings mixt with blue and
black, and a Tow Shirt. The other having two Thumbs
upon each Hand is remarkable enough. Whoever appreh-
ends and secures the said Servants, so that their Masters
may have them again, shall have Five Pounds Reward and
reasonable Charges paid, by
Nathan Dix,
Philadelphia, Jan. 25, 1730.
James Portell.

To be S O L D.

A Tract of Land, containing five Hun-
dred Acres, situate, Part in Little Creek Hundred,
and Part in Dover Hundred, in the County of Kent on De-
laware; the northerly Part thereof lies about three Miles
from the Fast Landing at Duck Creek, the middle Part
thereof about two Miles from the Landing at Little Creek,
and the southerly Part thereof about two Miles from the
Landing at Jones's Creek. Whoever is minded to purchase
the said Tract of Land, or any Part thereof, may treat
with Charles Read of Philadelphia, or with Hugh Durborough
jun. in the said County of Kent. Philadelphia, Feb. 2, 1730.

RUN away on the 30th of January past,
from John Wallace of Chester, Smith, a Servant Man
named Joseph Horsley, about Twenty-five Years of Age, a
well-set Fellow, very full-fac'd. He had on when he went
away, a dark coloured Cloth Coat, full trimm'd; an oz-
enbrigs Jacket and Breeches; three Pair of Stockings,
black, brown, and grey. He took along with him seven
Yards of brown Holland. Whoever secures the said Ser-
vant, and brings him to Chester Prison, shall have Five
Pounds Reward, and all reasonable Charges paid, by me
John Wallace.

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